BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) No central registry is maintained of contractual arrangements entered into in respect of import and export transactions entered into by Ministries and Public Sector Undertakings of Govt. of India.

No omnibus guidelines applicable to all transactions have been prescribed. General Financial Rules, 1963 apply to transactions of Ministries and Departments of the Central Government.

There is no proposal to request a Parliamentary Committee to enquire into the observance of guidelines in the case of contracts entered into since 1991-92. These aspects are duly looked into by the Internal Auditors, Statutory Auditors and the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in accordance with the extant procedures.

Medium of Examination in Industrial Training Institutes

*347. S/SHRI NILOTPAL BASU & SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that examination papers for Industrial Training Institutes are supplied in English and Hindi only;

(b) whether Government are aware that instructions are imparted in these institutes through regional languages also;

(c) if so, whether Government agree that this poses a major problem for the trainees;

(d) if so, whether the situation will be rectified by introduction of question papers in regional languages also;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (f) Government are aware that examination papers for Industrial Training Institutes are supplied bilinqually, in English and Hindi. Government are also aware that instructions in ITIs are imparted in the regional languages also. However, this problem has been addressed by advising the concerned State Directors that wherever necessary the examination papers may be translataed in the regional languages on the spot.

The two proposals for ensuring supply of question papers in the regional languages, namely decentralisation of Trade Testing activities at the State level and despatch of question papers in advance by DGE&T to the State Directiors for translation and printing in the regional languages, were not accepted by the National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) as the certificates would lose their national recognition and also it would be difficult to maintain the secrecy of the examination. The State Directors have also expressed their inability in getting large numbers of question papers translated and printed in the regional languages.

गेहूं की खरीद

*348. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1995-96 और 1996-97 के दौरान विभिन्न सरकारी एजेंसियों द्वारा प्रत्येक राज्य में गेहूं की कितनी-कितनी मात्रा खरीदी गई;

(ख) 31 मार्च, 1996 की स्थिति के अनुसार सरकार के भंडार में दो वर्ष से अधिक पहले खरीदे गए गेहूं की मात्रा कितनी है;

(ग) 31 मार्च, 1996 की स्थिति के अनुसार सरकार के गेहूं भंडार की कितनी मात्रा गोदामों के बजाय खुले में पड़ी थी; और

(घ) गेहूं की भण्डारण की व्यवस्था में सुधार लाने हेतु क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

खाद्य मंत्री (श्री देवेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव): (क) अपेक्षित सूचना देने वाला एक विवरण संलग्न है। (नीचे देखिए)।

(ख) 6.17 लाख टन।